



FRUIT INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN ROUND TABLE (FIVCRT)
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Third sitting of the FIVCRT in 2016

The Fruit Industry Value Chain Round Table (FIVCRT) met on the 30th of September 2016 at Fruit South Africa, Agri-hub Office Park, in Pretoria. The meeting focused on participation in the Operation Phakisa laboratory taking place between the 25th of September to 28th October 2016, reports from the FIVCRT Working Groups, transformation in the fruit industry and spatial planning for agriculture. The FIVCRT also welcomed new representatives from CCMA and ARC.

Collaborations with WIVCRT

The Chairpersons of the FIVCRT met on the sidelines of the 11th sitting with the Chairperson of the Wine Industry Value Chain Round Table. There are possibilities for collaboration between the two round tables since the two industries are intertwined and face similar challenges, especially in the Western Cape and Northern Cape. The feedback of the meeting will be shared during the next sitting.

Progress reports from the working groups

The meeting commenced with the guest presenter from the DAFF Directorate Information and Communication Technology. The purpose of the presentation was to request assistance from the fruit industry to assist in verifying and improving the GIS dataset on fruits to enable better planning. The discussions on the priorities of the Trade Working Group resulted in the establishment of a Working Group to take leadership on the further expansion of the local market and to develop a path to create opportunities for emerging growers. On the other front, the FIVCRT will engage other industry associations (e.g. bananas, pineapples, etc.) regarding their possible participation in the FIVCRT. On labour matters, the CCMA will assist the team from the Employment and Worker Welfare responsible for the construction of the Collective Dispute Resolution Mechanism (CDRM). The CDRM will, unlike the Workplace Mediation process, involve efficient dispute resolutions that involve groups of workers.

Fruit Industry meets DAFF

The fruit industry met the Director General a day before the 11th sitting of the FIVCRT on the 29th of September 2016. During the meeting, the parties agreed to accelerate transformation in the fruit industry and assist existing black emerging fruit producers to ascent to commercial category. Members of the FIVCRT were also encouraged to attend the Operation Phakisa lab commencing on the 25th of September 2016.

Date of the next meeting

The next FIVCRT meeting will be held on the 10th of November 2016.

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